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SUBJ: WORKING DOCUMENTS FOR MARITIME COMMISSION FIRST SESSION

MARAD FOR BLACKWELL

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1. MINISTRY OF MARITIME FLEET MAR 30 HANDED OVER TO EMBASSY FOR TRANSMITTAL TO MARAD FIRST FOUR OF SEVEN WORKING DOCUMENTS PROPOSED BY SOVIET SIDE AND RELATING TO DRAFT AGENDA FOR FIRST SESSION OF MARITIME COMMISSION (PARA 1 REFTEL). DOCUMENTS RELATE TO POINTS 2(A), 2(B), 2(C), AND 3 OF DRAFT AGENDA. ADDITIONAL THREE DOCUMENTS, RELATING TO POINTS 4(A) AND 4(B) ARE IN FINAL STAGES OF PREPARATION AND HAVE BEEN PROMISED WITHIN NEXT SEVERAL DAYS.

2. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF FIRST WORKING DOCUMENT, SASK- I- RD-1, DATED MAR 26, RELATING TO AGENDA POINT 2(A):
BEGIN TEXT: PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF ENTERING INTO FORCE OF AGREEMENT REGARDING CERTAIN MARITIME MATTERS: CARRYING OF GRAIN CARGOS ON VESSELS UNDER USSR AND US FLAGS (DOCUMENT PRESENTED BY SOVIET DELEGATION)

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROROCOL ABOUT THE PROCEDURE OF ASCERTAINING THE PARTICIPATION OF US FLAG VESSELS IN THE CARRYING
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OF RAW OR PROCESSED AGRICULTURAL GOODS BETWEEN AMERICAN AND SOVIET PORTS OF DECEMBER 15, 1972 , THE OVERALL QUANTITY OF GRAIN ARGOS WHICH ARE TO BE TRANSPORTED FROM US PORTS TO PORTS IN THE USSR FROM JULY 1, 1972 TO JULY 1, 1973 WAS DETERMINED TO BE 19.2 MILLION TONS.

OF THIS AMOUNT, ACCORDING TO THE SITUATION ON MARCH 15, SOME 8, 712.2 THOUSAND TONS HAVE BEEN SHIPPED, OF WHICH:

- A) ON SOVIET FLAG VESSELS: 1,482.5 THOUSANT TONS;
- B) ON US FLAG VESSELS: 852.9 THOUSAND TONS;
- C) ON THIRD- COUNTRY FLAG VESSELS: 6,376.9 THOUSAND TONS

THUS, DURING AN INCOMPLETE NINE MONTHS LESS THAN HALF OF THE GRAIN CARGOS SPECIFIED FOR TRANSPORT HAVE BEEN SHIPPED (PRECISE FIGURES ACCORDING TO THE SITUATION ON MAY 1 OF THIS YEAR WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETINGS).

THE SITUATION REGARDING SHIPMENT OF GRAIN CARGOS FROM US PORTS IS WITNESS TO THE FACT THAT THE PRODUCTIVITY OF ELEVATORS OPERATING IN THE PORTS IS NOT ASSURING THE TIMELY FULFILLMENT OF THE PROGRAM OF SHIPMENT.

MOREOVER, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION POSSESSED BY THE SOVIET SIDE, UNDERSTANDING HAS BEEN EACHED BETWEEN SOVIET PURCHASES AND US GRAIN FIRMS ON THE DELIVERY OF ABOUT 2.5 MILLION TONS OF CORN FOR THE SECOND HALF OF 1973.

IT NOW IS BECOMING CLEAR THAT THE PROGRAMS FOR SHIPMENT OF GRAIN CARGOES WILL NOT BE FULFILLED IN THE TIME FRAME SET PREVIOUSLY.

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THIS COMPLICATED SITUATION, AS A RESULT OF WHICH A SIGNIFICANT QUANTITY OF CARGOS PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED FOR DELIVERY BY JULY 1 WILL CARRY OVER INTO THE SECOND HALF OF 1973, THE SOVIET DELEGATION PROPOSES TO SPREAD OUT THE PRESENT CONDITIONS OF TRANSPORT OF GRAIN CARGOES INTO THE PERIOD AFTER JULY 1, 1973 IN SUCH A WAY THAT THESE CONDITIONS REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL COMPLETION OF SHIPMENTS OF THE OVERALL QUANTITY OF GRAIN CARGOS FORESEEN BY THE ABOVE- MENTIONED PROTOCOL.

IN THE OPINION OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION IT IS ESSENTIAL TO SET MORE PRECISE CONDITIONS FOR THE ALLOCATION OF TONNAGE UNDER US FLAG FOR THE TRANSPORT OF GRAIN. IT IS PROPOSED, IN PARTICULAR,

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THAT SUCH CONDITIONS BE FIXED BY A SEPARATE DOCUMENT. A DRAFT

OF THE PROPOSED PROCEDURE, WHICH WILL PERMIT BOTH SIDES TO
DRAW UP MORE CONCRETELY AND IN GOOD TIME SCHEDULES FOR THE
SHIPMENTS REFERRED TO IS SET FORTH IN DOCUMENT SASK- I- RD-5.
END TEXT.

3. TRANSLATIONS OF OTHER THREE WORKING DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO
PARA 1 ABOVE WILL BE TRANSMITTED SOONEST BY SEPTELS. ORIGINAL
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